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Title : METHOD FOR IMPROVING BONE MARROW ENGRAFTMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 16, 2007, Applicant elects the invention of Group XVI, claims 28-30. It is further noted that, although Group XVI is included in the Examiner's requirement for a species election, claims 28-30 are directed toward 'methods for conditioning a recipient for bone marrow transplantation' and are not directed toward methods for partially or completely reconstituting a mammal's lymphohematopoietic system." Since the elected claims are directed toward 'methods for conditioning a recipient for bone marrow transplant,' the species of "AIDS," "diabetes," "thalassemias," "sickle cell disease," "solid organ transplantation," or "multiple sclerosis" do not apply to the pending claims. If the Examiner maintains the requirement for a species election, Applicant elects the species of diabetes. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's requirement for restriction. By so traversing, Applicant preserves the right to petition under MPEP §818.03(c).

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Respectfully submitted,

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